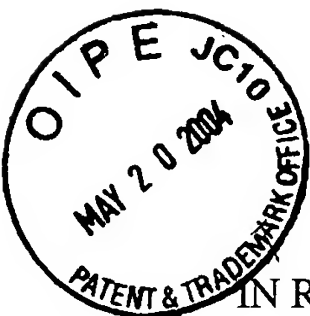


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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action mailed March 19, 2004, the Examiner restricted the claims of this patent application into 3 groups: Group I is claims 1-4 and 19 drawn to a method of liquid molding; Group II is claims 5-12 and 17-18 drawn to a mold; and Group III is claims 13-16 drawn to a venting insert. The examiner alleges that these inventions are distinct.

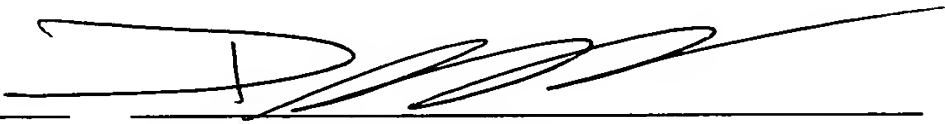
The applicant hereby elects Group III, claims 13-16 drawn to a venting insert. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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